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Arthur Neal, Director, Program Administration
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Dear Mr. Neal:

The Neil Jones Food Company, dba. Toma-Tek is a company engaged in the manufacture of tomato based products and use in our operations various approved chemicals to provide customers with clean and wholesome organic products manufactured under sanitary conditions. Our opinion is that the chemicals currently used in our operations should continue to be approved for use in the manufacture of products labeled as "Organic", as we believe these chemicals are safe and when properly used, allow us to meet customer and consumer expectations and help maintain compliance with industry accepted good manufacturing practices. The chemicals used in this operation include the following:

- Chlorine Dioxide as a sanitizer
- Sodium Hypochlorite as a sanitizer
- Calcium Chloride as a firming agent for tomatoes (approx 500 - 800ppm)
- Citric Acid as a food acidulant (to control pH)
- Corn Starch as a food thickening agent

Please note that our use of these materials is controlled carefully and are used only in amounts required to satisfy the intended purpose of their use and all labeling restrictions are followed. This is an important issue to our company and to our clients and we wish to thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment.

Regards,

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